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The Drummer of Company A

HE captain had the worst night of all, and it was late in the morning before he slept. The young nurse knew what sleep meant; the doctors had told him it would be thus and then—the inheritance of the five thousand dollar legacy. The nurse looked at the shrunken form on the bed; the captain had no relative, and he wondered if any one would try to break the will endowing a soldier's home after the five thousand dollars had been given to the nurse. Was it wealth to have simply riches?

"As for me," the nurse answered the question he had put to himself, "a loving little girl waits for me, and when I have the five thousand dollars we will be married, and—"

Just then a din outside roused him. It was another fakir come to the seaside village where the physicians had ordered the captain. This one had a drum; its dull beating rose above the harsh croak of the itinerant's voice.

"If it should wake the captain?" But the captain's eyes were already opened.

"Mustered out!" he said.

"It is the reveille," he said. Then the captain put his hand to his head. "I had forgotten," he said, "I had forgotten," and his eyes closed again.

The drummer, sitting upright, his hands on his knees, looked at him. The captain slept for an hour, heavily, laboriously.

"Mustered out," answered the drummer.

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"It is only fakir outside sir," the nurse explained.

The captain struggled to a sitting posture.

"It is reveille," he said. "It is company A."

"There, there, captain," soothed the nurse; "you have been dreaming, that is all."

"Listen!" said the captain.

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To Keep Young.

Avoid dyspepsia.

Play with the children.

Shun the "problem" novel.

Don't watch for gray hairs.

Never dissect your emotions.

Cultivate an impersonal hobby.

Never lose sleep without making it up.

Decline to think of your self as elderly.

Don't fall very deeply in love until you have been asked to do so.

Never, never, never, decline to do anything on the ground of advancing years.

And never, never, never say to yourself, "I felt so once, but am to old to do now."

Don't search for wrinkles. Massage your face and trust to that and Povidence to keep it smooth.

The drummer saluted.

"You saved my life at Chattanooga," pursued the captain; "you threw yourself before me and got the ball in your shoulder. I have found out that you never applied for a pension. You would not let me give you anything at the time, and afterward you laid away from me, but now I want you to have this." He took from his finger a ring in which flashed a brilliant stone. The drummer drew back.

"Take it!" commanded the captain.

"No," said the drummer.

The veins in the captain's forehead swelled. The doctor had said he must not be made angry.

The nurse whispered to the drummer he must take the ring, and why. The drummer held it in his hand.

"It will keep you for the rest of your life," said the captain; "then there is the soldiers' home you may go." He lay back in the chair. "Jones is said, 'I thought I should go out all alone. But you have brought Company A to see me. It was the drink that made you ashamed to meet me. I have traveled all over the world, Jones; been in thousands of great cities and gorgeous palaces, and here I am again with you and old company A; I have neither chick nor child—I am all alone except for you and Company A.'"

There came a knock on the door. The nurse went there. The fakir sent

for his drummer.

"I am with my captain," said the drummer. The captain motioned him to a seat opposite the waddled chair. The drummer sat stiffly down his hands on his knees, and looked at the captain.

"Jones!"

The drummer saluted.

You remember Chattanooga? Will you ever forget it? There was that lady whom I was to marry, but refused because I took the sides of the curse I did. She died years ago, Jones."

The drummer saluted.

"Jones," the captain went on, "there was a good girl they said you would marry. I suppose she makes you a good wife?"

"Died years ago," answered the drummer.

"Was she your wife?"

"No," I drank."

Again a knock on the door. The fakir sent word that if his drummer did not come immediately he should consider himself discharged.

"I am with my captain," said the drummer as before and did not move.

The captain's eyes closed; he seemed sleep.

"Jones," he said, "it was good of you to come."

He opened his eyes with a start.

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DOMESTICATING THE BOYS.

ANNIE HAMILTON.

It is to be hoped that, with the explosion of so many old notions in these broader, later times, the foolish idea that any share of domestic work can make a man less manly has exploded, too. It is high time it did, anyway. I have seen one of the very manliest, strongest men I ever knew take his loaf of sponge cake out of the oven and display its beauties with delighted pride. While it is true enough that baking and brewing, sweeping and mending and all the rest of the housekeeping are virtually woman's work, for which she is especially fitted by nature and education, it is not a whit less true that a man may share them when the need comes, without losing "caste" or in any way sacrificing his masculine dignity. Indeed, he will add to his dignity instead, and the recording angel will lay it up against his name in good marks. When the weary housemother is ending a long day at the dish-tub, over the supper cups and plates, what housefather is there under the sun who will not feel more dignified and respected with the dish towel in his hand than with the newspaper?

But one of the difficulties oftenest in the way of these little offices of helpfulness in the home is the sense of helplessness incapacity on the part of the man of the house. He doesn't know how. His spirit is more than willing, but how weak his flesh is! And right there comes in my tex. Why not teach our boys as well as our girls to do some of the commoner parts of housework? Why not make them independent, too, so that when the time comes, as it is likely to come to them all, they need not draw back in helpless, dismay at the prospect, but roll up their shirt-sleeves and step into the breach manfully? The country party would give it, further than that Democratic party would mean a renewal of the uncertainties which were so disastrous to our commercial and industrial interests during the last Cleveland regime. There has never been any doubt during this campaign as to the feeling of the majority of the voters; only fear that a feeling of overconfidence might result in too many Republicans not taking sufficient interest to make sure of success in the Congressional campaign. Thanks to hard and intelligent work on the part of the party leaders that fear is daily being lessened, and bids fair to entirely disappear before election day.

The Treasury Department has granted a request made by General Franco Sanchez, commander of the Cuban insurgents army at Mayari, Cuba, that one hundred thousand pounds of tobacco, captured by the army, be admitted to the U. S. free of duty, in order that it may be sold for the benefit of the men under Gen. Sanchez, who are in need of almost everything.

The commission engaged in investigating the conduct of the war, which has started for Jacksonville, Fla., where the work of hearing witnesses in the camp will this week be inaugurated was preceded by the ringing assertion of Gen. Dodge, chairman of the commission, that the commission would see that every witness was protected who had anything to tell that might arouse enmity on the part of his superior officers. These words of Gen. Dodge are all the answer that is needed to the senseless charge that witnesses have been afraid to tell the commission what they knew. There has been no such fear on the part of any witness, but there has been wide differences in the stories told to the commission and those published as having been told by the same witnesses to yellow journals. A notable case of this sort was that of Dr. Seaman, who arrived in New York from Porto Rico, last week, and whose alleged sensational statements to yellow reporters caused him to be summoned to Washington, by telegraph, to testify before the commission.

American furniture is getting control of even such faraway markets as South Africa. In a report to the Department of State Consul General J. G. Stowe, at Cape Town, says the value of American furniture imported into South Africa, in 1897, was \$254,970,90, being second only to Great Britain and ahead of Germany, and that Americans can easily control the market, if our manufacturers will ship their furniture

"knockdown" and so made that it can be put together easily, numbering each corresponding piece. Concluding Mr. Stowe said: "There is no fault with the prices charged by American manufacturers, even with the duty added; but it is the excessive freights on account of bulk, and the difficulty of putting together, shipped knockdown, of which the dealers complain."

The Home Influence.

"Charity begins at home," says the old adage, and we might add, "so does every other good thing." Possibly we might go farther still and say much of the mischievous evil of life begins there too. Certainly it is that whenever good men set themselves to do a good work in this crooked world, their thoughts turn always to their homes, as if there they must look for the very heart of the nation.

Make the home what it should be and the land will take care of itself.

Say the children of to-day and we

have made sure of a blessed to-morrow.

Any uplifting-influence, then, that purifies and strengthens the home, any cheerful influence that gladdens it, should meet with cordial welcome from the hearts of those who desire that the "axe be laid at the very root of the tree." Nay, more than cordial welcome should be given; every movement designed to bless the home should have the earnest aid of parents, and even of the little ones themselves.

Pension Commissioner Evans has gone to Tennessee, where he will spend about two weeks on the stump for the Republican Congressional and State ticket. He will also probably make a few speeches in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, before returning to Washington.

Impure blood is an enemy to health, and may lead to serious disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla conquers this enemy and averts danger.

Washington ... Letter



EHAIRMAN Babcock, of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, is getting good news these days. Like Senator Hanna, he was awhile back afraid that

say B, and so on through the whole alphabet. Now, I'll get dinner out of the way and begin hemming my table linen.

And with a song on her lips, Tilly whisked on a fresh apron, vigorously stirred the fire and darted down the cellar stairs after the potatoes.—The Wheelwoman.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS.

International Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 23, 1898. Isaiah Called to service. Isa 6:1-13. Golden Text—"I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then said I, Here am I: send me." Isa: 6:8

Isaiah saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. The six winged seraphim stood about it, and one cried unto another, and said, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory." And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house filled with smoke. Isaiah was better than men now, but he had seen the Lord who says, "There is no difference; for all have sinned," and he cried out in uncleanness; for mine lips have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

In these times there may be too many of us who take service without being called, who lack Isaiah's conviction of sin and consciousness of God's glory, and humble dependence in His purging No man may look at God under the law, for all have broken it. Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me." When the law was given at Mt. Sinai, God said, "Let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the Lord, lest he break through them." But when "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ," He said, "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden." The people said of the law: "All that the Lord has said is right." Tilly's got run over to show you this new machine o'more," announced Jerry with a sidewise wave of the hand.

"I saw you coming up the hill," responded Tilly, demurely. "You looked for all the world like a big, long-legged

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OUR ONLY ANCHOR.

The writer has never been pessimistic in any view of life. Especially has his faith been firm in the political institutions of the country and remains firm, but in the past few years our own Delaware has had a testing, a trial, that but for the new anchor of the New Constitution there must have been anarchy in our State. There was quiet political resolution, as it was but the members of the Constitutional Convention caught the rock of safety, and to say the best we still have a government and without bloodshed.

The political feeling in Delaware today is serious. Thoughtful men should urge moderation and right and law and justice. Charges are made by partisan papers that to-day attempts will be made to take undue advantages through registration. This may or may not be true but every patriot of every party should set his face against it. Every guilty man should be made to suffer. One of the most serious conditions is the apparent indifference, disgust, of good men of both parties because of dishonesty, bribery, trickery. The writer has not the strength, having been ill recently, to enlarge upon these matters but he believes if ever Delawareans should do them political duty, stamping with their voices the efforts to dishonor the State, if should be on November 8th next. The anchor of hope is the new Constitution.

To show the political views of the editors of partisan papers, the utter abandon in their partisan charges the following quotations are made:

KENT COUNTY VOTE OF 1898.
On Tuesday last, under a peremptory order of the Superior Court, the election inspectors of this county met in Dover, to count and tabulate the vote cast in Kent County at the election of 1898. Another leaf is turned in the long, tedious history of Democratic fraud, corruption, violence and misgovernment in the State of Delaware. Another count in the terrible indictment has been established, and every item of the claim made by the Union Republicans has been fully audited and allowed. Nothing is left to be done but the final decision of the judicial tribunal which will meet on the 17th.

This count, it will be borne in mind, is made under the pressure of law by inspectors under oath, who, two years ago under a similar oath, made a totally different count which resulted in a robbery of the citizens of their right of suffrage and in the reversal of the people as expressed at the ballot-box. The entire proceedings were in the largest sense orderly, presenting a marked contrast to the turbulence of the drunken mob who ruled two years ago. The Kenneys, the Ziske Coopers, the Penningtons, the Wolcotts, the Hawkinsons, the John F. Saulsburys, and all those most conspicuous in the monumental seal were noticeably absent. Mr. Hughes, the present Secretary of State, was there in the capacity of a clerk, the sole representatives of that notorious array. Baxter, the inspector of West Dover Hundred, who declared that he would lie in jail until every hair of his head dropped out before he would certify the vote of his hundred, was there. He was not in jail and apparently had not lost his hair. He tabulated the vote of his hundred and signed the certificates.

After long delay the result has been achieved. The claim of the Union Republicans has been fully established, and the people of the State, especially of Kent County, are given another object lesson in the baseness and roguery that has characterized the leadership of the Democratic party of this county. The crime fills the nostrils of fair-minded, law-abiding citizens with an intolerable stench. It is affecting the party as nothing has ever affected it before, and the disreputable hordes who still retain control of the party machinery are realizing the effort of their dirty work. Democratic newspapers like the "Every Evening" and the "Call" are endeavoring to make light of the matter as to its effect upon the present campaign. This surprise no one. Both those sheets have admitted the baseness and pleaded guilty, but like everything in the State is tainted with the spirit that dominates the active leaders of present day Democracy, they assume the attitude of the convicted culprit and cry out, "I know I'm a scoundrel, but I'm no worse than other scoundrels." There is no need to make political capital. The capital is already made; the people understand the master and the results will shortly follow.

POOR JOURNALISM.

A noisy Wilmington morning paper has a gust of editorial rubbish every day about the Kent county crime of 1898. Most of it is very light reading. It sounds like contract matter paid for by the column. We have read much of it hoping to get a new thought or new idea covering the unsavory matter of two years ago. We thought possibly that we had overlooked some salient features of the now famous case. We seem to have overlooked nothing that leads to the present speculation which proposes to depose Richard R. Kenney and seat J. Edward Addicks in the Senate.

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The Wilmington paper says if it says anything that the Democrats in Kent county brought no specific charges against Mr. Addicks two years ago there was nothing to charge. This is not true. The buying of a vote is generally a matter between two persons. The purchaser, if taxed, will lie about it, probably both of them. Conviction would be almost impossible, and then the Democrats were buying votes, too. This is not denied. There is a sort of honor among the better class of thieves. The exception is that the people who stole seats at St. Louis came home and cast stones at what they called seat-stealing in others. This is a devilish abandonment of character happily rare since Christ denounced it.

It is admitted that both political parties bought as many votes in Kent county two years ago that they could buy and pay for, but the Republicans having nearly all the money bought nearly all the votes. The Democrats having the property in hand refused to deliver it. Not because it rightfully belonged to them but because it did not rightfully belong to the enemy. It properly belonged to neither if fraud can vitiate an election. It would have been ridiculous and contemptible in the Democratic party to have given up their keys to such a claimant as that. The Addicks people themselves would have laughed at such imbecility. There was not a particle of respectability in the Republican claim as subsequent events disclosed. Those people had they succeeded in Kent would have admitted a Republican representation from Sussex and elected Mr. Addicks Senator. This was made clear by the Richardson House Legislature and the foolish unofficial record of the Sussex vote. The Democratic members from Sussex were elected on the face of the ballot boxes, just as the Addicks candidates claimed to have been elected in Kent, and yet the Addicks people were going to admit themselves and reject their enemy. Then, too, Willis went to Washington to contest Hand's seat. Hand had three or four thousand and plurality. It was after clearly proven that the Democrats of Kent sized the Enemy justly. They would have cleared the Legislative halls of enough Democrats to have made Mr. Addicks Senator. They knew it and we knew it. It was a skin game all through. The gas people had fits, but the Bourbons kept their wits.

A Wilmington paper, the Sun, has the following in relation to politics in Delaware, that to say the least, presents a situation that may be curious to the reader. Starting out with the proposition of a Republican succeeding Hon. Geo. Gray in the U. S. Senate; it says:

"That the Democrats stand to loose the Congressman is evident, and John H. Hoffecker, the candidate of a united Republican party, will be elected over L. Irving Handy, the present Congressman."

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[This is not even a statement of facts, evidently. It is one of the bogus claims.—Ed.]

"This investigation and the recount in Kent county, ordered by the Superior Court of Kent county, establishes the fact that the last Legislature in which the eight Democratic members from Kent and the eight Democratic members from Sussex sat was illegal and that the so-called "Rump" Legislature convened by the Republicans at Hotel Richardson, Dover, who were rightly elected, was the only legal Legislature.

"The Democratic or illegal Legislature elected Richard R. Kenney to the United States Senate. The "Rump" or legal Legislature elected J. Edward Addicks to the United States Senate.

The action of the Kent county court establishes the fact that J. Edward Addicks was elected United States Senator by a legal Legislature and that Richard R. Kenney was elected United States Senator by an illegal Legislature and one never authorized by the people.

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by the courts of the State, Addicks will go to Washington and reopen his contest for the seat now held by Senator Kenney. In his first contest he lacked but one vote of obtaining the seat and now with the courts of Delaware at his back, and with a congressional change in his favor, there is not a doubt but that the United States Senate will recognize the legality of his election and unseat Senator Kenney placing Mr. Addicks in the seat.

"There is yet a third outlook in the situation. Senator Kenney is on trial before a United States court for complicity in the robbery of the Dover bank and if convicted thereby loses his citizenship and becomes no longer a United States Senator. In that event the man elected by the coming Legislature on the strength of the Kent county re-count would experience no contest for the seat.

PILLS AND THE EDITOR.

A truly moral journal recently contained the following verbatim notice:

"For Sale.—In accordance with a conclusion reached some two months since, the —— good-will, mailing lists, etc., included, is offered for sale. The reason is the protracted ill-health of the editor and proprietor. For more than two years he has been a victim of liver trouble, and though perhaps now in general health is as well as at any time of this period, yet a change of climate is advised as necessary. For this reason the paper is offered for sale, though with much reluctance many pleasant events will be thus severed. Such is life. Brother editors will confer a favor by noting that the paper is for sale. No more beautiful section of country in which to locate."

"Editor and Proprietor."

The next issue contained not the announcement that the journal had changed hands, nor the repetition of the original notice, but a statement to the effect that those publishing the original notice, the editor had been taken —'s liver pills and with such success that he had decided to keep the paper after all.—New York Evening Sun.

Some Quaker City friend sends us a copy of the National Advertiser, a 48-page magazine of New York, which in its issue of October 12, contained the above. The "For Sale" will be recognized as the notices which has been running in the Transcript for weeks, but as to the "liver pills" —what a fib! We know nothing of them, and the "Advertiser" modestly does not name the brand. Just there is the trick of the advertising sheet. It is possible that every liver pill man imagines his is the article referred to and how profitable such ideas will be to the owners of the "National Advertiser" who have taken such liberty with —our liver. We have thought this rebellious part of our system was our individual property to discuss—when there has been no escape from it—but the "National Advertiser" man beats us. He does it as have others by lying. This is a great world.

APROPOS OF THE EWERTH LEAGUE CONVENTION THIS WEEK AND THE POSSIBILITY FOR FORMING FRIENDSHIP WHICH SHALL PROVE LASTING THROUGH THESE AGENCIES WAS THE PRESENCE OF A GUEST FROM A DISTANCE IN ATTENDANCE UPON THE WEDDING FESTIVITIES IN OUR TOWN LAST WEEK, THE ACQUAINTANCE HAVING BEGUN THROUGH A SIMILAR AGENCY, THE CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHANTAUQA CIRCLE. THE CHANCE ACQUAINTANCE MAY PROVE THE TRIED AND TRUE FRIEND OF AFTER YEARS, AND THE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE HOMES OF THE PEOPLE ON SUCH OCCASIONS ALWAYS HAS ITS PLEASANT SIDE. IT IS NOT FOR THE NEWS PAPER TO PREACH, THE PREACHER IS PAID TO DO THAT, BUT THERE ARE SERMONS OUTSIDE PUPILS OFTEN FAR MORE VALUABLE THAN HE STAGE EFFORT.

MY MARYLAND.

—James Clark, an inmate of the Maryland penitentiary, has a record for marrying which rivals that of Charles Woodruff, of Chicago, who has been arrested for bigamy in Buffalo, N. Y. Woodruff was married fifty times. The man whom the State of Maryland is taking care of is James Clarke, about sixty years old, one armed, and, it is claimed, a man so singularly fascinating to women that he had married five of them before he was arrested.

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THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.
Bethesda, M. E. Church—Rev. Isaac L. Clegg, Pastor, meets at 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 7:30 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent; meetings every Sunday evening, 7:30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night, 7:30 p. m. Young People's Circle, Monday nights at Parsonsage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday of each month. World War Memorial Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. W. F. M. S. Auxiliary, first Friday afternoon of each month at 2:30 o'clock.
First Presbyterian Church—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10:30 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7:30 p. m. Will be held every Sabbath morning at 9:15 a. m. Diverse services every Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and 3 p. m. All other Sundays at 7:30 a. m. Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 8:30 p. m. On all days except Sunday at 7:30 a. m. Boys' Club at 4:30 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 4:30 p. m. The Guild meets every Saturday at 2 p. m. Ladies' Aid the first and third Fridays of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7:30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 8 p. m.

DO YOU GET YOUR PAPER?

The TRANSCRIBER has had many complaints from subscribers about failure to receive the paper regularly and promptly. We shall make a special effort to find out the cause if prompt notice is sent to this office. Drop a postal at each failure to receive the paper.

A new carrier in town may not know just where local subscribers would have their paper left. Let him know, or leave word at the office.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., OCT. 22, 1898.

Local News.

GET REGISTERED TO-DAY!

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures 25 cents.

Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

Vincent Brothers are painting the residences of Mr. E. Hullik and Mrs. Mary Biggs on Cass street.

If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

For Sale.—A fine farm of 74 acres, 15 acres woodland, nice dwelling, good granary and stables, orchard and vineyard, not far from water and rail facilities. Terms easy at private sale. Inquire TRANSCRIBER.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

Every business man—no matter in what capacity—should use printed stationery, such as note heads, envelopes, bill heads, statements, etc. Costs but a trifle in advance of the plain paper. Let us do the printing.

Trinkler, the photographer has decided to close his studio on Wednesday and Thursday of each week until further notice as he is doing landscape work.

Professional Card.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontometer and Gas for painless extracting.

The Mohawk Indian Co. are to begin a two weeks engagement at the Middletown Open House on Wednesday Oct. 26th, giving big free entertainments. The company consists of a number of comedians, singers and dancers—a good show can be looked for. The admission is to be free.

Do you want the "best farm wagon made"? If so, buy the Milburn. Do you want the best grain drill on earth? If so buy the Bickford & Hoffman. Do you want to double the profits from your cows? If so, buy the American Separator. The above are for sale by

J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

White potatoes are scarce and high, throughout this section of the country not more than half a crop was harvested, although the acreage in some instances was less owing to the good prices obtained last year. Seventy-five to ninety cents a bushel are asked according to quality, with the certainty that prices will go considerably higher. The farmer works hard for all he gets and deserves good prices.—Dover Independent.

Grand Master Edward Herberman, Grand Marshall George Griffin, Grand Secretary William Gamble and Leonard Lewis, of Oriental Lodge, No. 12, of Newark, visited Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 1, O. O. F. of this town Thursday evening, and installed the following officers for the ensuing term: N. G. William Brockson; V. G. John E. Gian; Secretary, W. E. Dixon; Per. Secretary, J. C. Jolls; Treasurer, W. T. Connelley. After the installation the visitors were invited to Kates' restaurant where oysters were served in all styles.

State Treasurer W. M. Ross has made the appropriation of school funds as follows: New Castle county, \$25,512.57; Kent county, \$33,421.34; Sussex county, \$40,306.32. The text books purchased in the different counties is as follows: New Castle county, \$1,725.37; Kent county, \$2,460.19; Sussex county, \$3,000.08. Net amount due each county after deducting for text books New Castle county, \$50,715.20; Kent county, \$30,875.15; Sussex county, \$42,310.37. Of the school fund each single district in Kent county gets \$251.08, Sussex county, \$206.08.

Both Democrats and Republicans are congratulating themselves says the Dover correspondent of the "Sunday Star," that vote buying is now as much of a crime as burglary, rape and murder on the statute books, and any man who attempts it or yields to it as much at the mercy of reserves law as the felon cringing in his cell. The first man who handles a dollar of a corruption fund does so at his peril, and if he oversteps this line, than the Democrats of Kent county will have their innings at him and persecuted will turn prosecutor with a vigor that shall eclipse the body guard of Napoleon.

The following were elected officers of the Dover District Epworth League at its meeting last week: President, Thomas N. Rawlins; Vice-Presidents, Dr. F. J. Jones, of Georgetown, Mrs. Crossmore, of Wyoming, Miss Besie Johnson, of Milford, and Mrs. R. K. Stephenson, of Seaford; Secretary, the Rev. F. J. Cochran, of Wilmington; Treasurer, John S. Collins, of Dover; Superintendent of Junior Work, the Rev. W. G. Koons, of Bridgeville. Dover will be the next meeting place. President Rawlins reported that there are on the district 60 chapters, with a membership of 3,000, and that seven chapters were organized during the year.

The Century Club will give an entertainment in the Opera House Christmas week.

The Atlantic Refining Oil Company are erecting a 12,000 gallon tank at the depot here north of the freight house.

Judge Bradford has fixed on December 5th, for the trial of Senator R. R. Kenney.

The trial of the others connected with the Bank looting case, will follow directly after.

Port Penn was visited by a heavy rain storm Tuesday night, the sounding end of the long bridge was considerably damaged and the road was completely submerged in water.

State Treasurer Ross has received from the Baltimore & Ohio railroad \$12,000, and from the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore railroad \$13,262.50. State taxes due on October 1.

It is reported that the seven year old daughter of Mr. John Francis, of Fieldsboro, was bitten by a mad dog on Tuesday. The same dog came to Middletown biting the puppies of Mrs. Emelin Massey which he has killed.

Arthur Penniwell the second Lieutenant, Company E, First Delaware Volunteers, and who resigned while stationed at Middletown, Del., on Monday enlisted as a private in the United States infantry—Dover Index.

Prof. S. T. Foard, the most delightful elocutionist ever upon this peninsula, will give an entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. Rooms on Friday, Nov. 14th, for the benefit of the association. No one should miss this entertainment.

To-day October 22d, the registrars will sit for the last time. A fatigued get registered to-day disqualify you. Don't let the registration fee of one dollar deter you from performing a rightful duty to the county and the State.

All the services at the M. E. church tomorrow as usual, all welcome. Miss Marian Shepherd, of Camden, Del., who sang so delightfully and entertainingly during the sessions of the League Convention, will sing both morning and evening.

Supt. Smith was in town Tuesday making a arrangements for the New Castle Co. Teachers' Institute to be held November 29 and 30 December 1st. The Institute will be held at the provided for the Open's House.

Mr. Clark Franklin, of Middletown, formerly of Smyrna, a musician in the 1st Delaware Regiment, and one of those to be mustered out has secured a position as machinist at Merchantville, N. J., and left for his new home last week.—Smyrna Times.

Sergeant Major Weir died of typhoid fever at Wilmington last Tuesday. This makes the sixth death in the First Delaware Regiment. He was one of the finest young men in the service, and from Colonel down to privates, he was liked and respected by all.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

Miss Libby Short, of Clayton, spent several days with relatives here this week.

Miss Nola Sullivan, of Clayton, was entertained by Miss Estella Suydam this week.

Mrs. Sarah Deakyne, of Philadelphia, has returned to her home after a pleasant stay with Mrs. Reece Taylor.

Mrs. Leslie Schreitz has returned from a visit to Seymour, Indiana, her mother accompanying her home.

Mr. Boyd R. Cleaver, Republican nominee for representative of St. Georges district, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Sarah Jolls attended a Chestertown wedding Tuesday.

Mrs. Ella Cochran is visiting Miss Powers in Wilmington.

Miss Eliza Jones, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Harry Jones.

Mr. Samuel Kelley, of the Quaker City, was a Sunday visitor in town.

Mrs. Lotte Reynolds is visiting friends in Newark, Delaware.

Miss Clara M. Vaughan, of Milton, and Miss Amelia Sparks, of Philadelphia, are guests of Mrs. Horace Vaughan.

Mrs. Charles Howell is visiting friends in Philadelphia and Camden, N. J.

Miss Caroline Schreitz and niece Ruth Glendian, who have been visiting Mr. Leslie Schreitz this week.

Mrs. W. T. Connelley and son Alfred are visiting friends in Virginia along the Rappahannock.

Miss Lida McNamee who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Griffitt, for several weeks, has returned home.

Corporal George Emerling, Co. F. First Delaware Regt., is spending a few days with friends near town.

KENT COUNTY.

R. A. Black, aged 57 years, who built the Priscilla Block, died in Dover. Last spring he swallowed a small piece of chicken bone, and it became lodged in his intestines. The bone was not removed until last week, when Dr. Clements performed an operation. Meanwhile, it cut the intestines, and gangrene set in. Another operation was performed Wednesday.

After a protracted illness of paralysis, Samuel D. Roe, aged 66 years, died at Felton, on Thursday, October 13. He was a graduate of Delaware College, class of '54. Until recent years he had devoted most of his time to farming. He was an ardent Democrat. He served four years as a Levy Court Commissioner and later was appointed tax collector for South Mർkerfield hundred. He was a member of the State Senate in 1885 and 1886. In 1894, he was appointed by the Cleveland administration as a special agent for the Department of Justice, which position he held until ill health compelled him to resign. He was a member of Felton Lodge, Knights of Honor. His funeral took place on Saturday with interment at Barratt's Chapel.

It is said that Erland Reedy, of Milford, will be appointed as Republican sheriff-elect of Kent county, next Monday, and then contend for a full term.

Why We Need a Work-house.

The Sussex Journal says: Every time a court is held in Delaware and the petty cases are tried, and the prisoners sentenced to from one to six months in the county jail at heavy expense to the taxpayers, the more convinced we become that Delaware needs a work-house for just such persons.

At the present term of court here one colored man was sentenced to two months imprisonment for stealing half a bushel of corn, valued at twenty cents. Another was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for stealing wearing apparel worth \$1.00. When we look at these things as they should be, it certainly seems that Delaware should have a prison provided where these people could be made to work and help pay the expense of keeping them and we are full of these worthless thieves who would soon be empty.

NINTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE EASTON DISTRICT EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The advance delegates arrived Wednesday morning and were met at the depot by the reception committee. They proceeded directly to the church where they were greeted with strains of music beautifully rendered by Miss Lena Pleasanton.

The delegates were welcomed to Middletown by Rev. I. L. Wood whose address was heartily responded to by Mr. Aubrey Vandever, Ex-President of the Epworth League.

The first session opened with a song service led by Rev. Edwin Gardner, choicer of Cheswold. Del. Organization was then had the appointment of committees, in providing such delightful homes for the members of the convention.

5th To the Committee on Decorations, whose exquisit work has been to all of us, a constant source of delight.

6th To the Choir for the delightful music that has so charmed and inspired the convention.

7th To the Ushers, for their polite attention.

8th To the Sexton, for his unremitting care for our comfort.

9th To the Secretary, for his patience, devotion, and unique address to the Chaperones.

10th To the Treasurer, for his faithfulness in the discharge of the duties entrusted to him.

11th To the President, for the delightful manner in which he has presided over the deliberation of this body.

12th To the men and women who have entertained, instructed and delighted their convention with papers and addresses.

13th To the P. E. S. for their splendid courtesy to the convention, and the excellent reports of the work.

14th To the kind people of Middletown and vicinity, for their kindness in welcoming the members of this convention to their homes, and enteraining them in such a hospitable manner.

A more cordial welcome, or a more genuine hospitality has never been met.

While we express our appreciation of your kindness we pray God that you may never want for any good thing in this life, and that in the "World to come, you may have like Everlasting."

—E. C. Atkins, Aubrey Vandever.

Committee
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Aubrey Vandever,
Kathy B. Sutton,
Nellie Powell

15th Whereas the "Young People of Society of Christian Endeavor, of Forest Presbyterians Chu ch has extended to this convention Fraternal Greeting — expressing their best wishes for the success of the Epworth League," and praying the "Blessing of God upon our labors," therefore:

Resolved: that we hail with delight their expression of Good Will, and "Christian Fellowship," and return to the "Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor," the assurance of our highest appreciation of the noble work being done by that Society, and pledge them our fullest support, in their effort to honor God, and bless the world.

E. C. Atkins, Chairman.

Mr. Adelbe Beck is visiting his parents near Wilmington, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Mary Southwick visited her sister in New Castle on Monday.

Mr. Harry Hylands has moved his family to Chestertown.

The Literary Society of the Presbyterian Church met at Miss Berenice Keane's Tuesday evening.

Rev. L. A. Oates was in Baltimore this week attending the Synod.

Prayer-meeting was held as usual in the lecture room on Wednesday evening and was led by Mr. J. Thos. Price as the pastor was in Baltimore.

Mr. Pestor returned on Saturday from a visit to her mother at Mt. Airy, Germantown, accompanied by her sister Miss Paul who remained over Sunday.

Mr. William A. Davidson has had a bay window built on the south side of his dwelling house.

Several of the W. C. T. U. ladies and others visited the reservation on Wednesday afternoon in order to see the sick soldiers.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Craig have taken possession of their new home on Fifth street.

ODESSA NOTES.

The Misses Lidie and Ella Rose came home Friday to attend their uncle's funeral. They spent Sunday with their father, Mr. David Rose.

Mrs. Georgiana Reed, of Chestertown, Md., who has been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. May Rose, returned home Monday.

Mr. Sylvester D. Townsend, of Delaware City, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. William Johnson who has been quite sick is out again.

Miss Annie Lord, of Philadelphia, and Miss Emma Lord spent Sunday and Monday with Miss Virginia Lord.

Mr. Sylvester Townsend, of Wilmington, Jr., was the guest of George L. Townsend, Jr., President and his Cabinet are also expected to be present.

Shake Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting, nervous feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot Ease makes tight or new shoes feel easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous and hot, itching feet. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores. By mail or 25¢ in stamps. Trial package FREE.

RESOLVED I, That the Spiritual Department has been everywhere quickened into new energy, through its instrumentality; therefore Resolved that we hail with delight this splendid organization; styled by Dr. Wood, in his address of welcome, "Times Nobles Organized," and that we commend the wisdom of the Board of control, that has not only divided the work into General Conference Districts, but also into Annual Conference Districts, and Local Chapters, thereby securing the best possible organization.

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